

**Village of Bailey Lakes
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 23, 2026**

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM. Began prayer and pledge of allegiance.

Roll call of those present: Mayor John Benschhoff. Council Members: Tina Killion, Tom Dilgard, Betty Brown, Dottie Scott, Krissy Kauf, Alan Bauckman. Fiscal Officer: Leighanna Cawrse, Village Administrator: Richard Brown

MINUTES APPROVAL

Krissy Kauf moved to approve March 16, 2026 special meeting minutes as submitted. Dottie Scott seconded the motion. Roll call: 4 ayes; Betty Brown and Tom Dilgard abstain.

PENDING BUSINESS

- Playground Grant- John Benschhoff will get a hold of Nikki Hiller of the documents sent.
- Two culvert estimates- John Benschhoff waiting to hear back from two companies to schedule a date and camera the culverts.
- Council discussion on the Order of Business and reviewed the changes made. Council was in general agreement to have Leighanna Cawrse send to the solicitor for review.
- Water/Sewer Operator- January and February report not received.
- Cindy Gaubatz, present at the meeting, provided council a breakdown of expenses. Council discussion on continuing the printing of newsletters, reducing the number of pages to four or five, a lighter weight paper, and taking the expenses out of water & sewer Fund to alleviate the general fund. The online version could have more information/pages.
- Dottie Scott moved to accept proposal of \$650.00 per month increase to Cindy Gaubatz. Tom Dillgard seconded. Roll call: 5 ayes; Krissy Kauf no.

NEW BUSINESS

- Ron Maxwell from Whitaker-Myers Group provided council with information and a breakdown on the property and liability insurance program with the Ohio Plan and a proposal for the 2026-2027 year in the amount of \$7,003.00, this amount is after the advantage credit of \$1,517.00, \$83.00 dollars increase from last year.
- Krissy Kauf moved to accept the proposal from USI Insurance with the Public Entities Pool of Ohio (PEP) in the amount of \$4,191.00 for one year. Alan Bauckman seconded. Roll call: All ayes; No one opposed.
- Ordinance 2026-03 title only read by Leighanna Cawrse. Krissy Kauf moved to adopt Ordinance 2026-03 Permanent Appropriation. Betty Brown seconded. Roll call: 5 ayes; Dottie Scott no.
- Resolution 2026-04 title only read by Leighanna Cawrse. Krissy Kauf moved to adopt Resolution 2026-04. Seconded by Tina Killion. Roll call: All ayes; No one opposed.

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REPORTS

Village Administrator

- Received a call today from the water operator that there is a high usage reading, pressure was not low and went around the village to see of any obvious leaks.
- Power outage the sewer plant relays need to be manually turned on/off.
- Flag on the pole required two people, along with shut off's, would like to pay Tyler Brown for emergency's and other work around the village. The \$28/hour that council approved Richard Brown does not feel is acceptable. Council would like an estimate for the next meeting.
Fiscal Officer's note: October 27, 2025 regular meeting council approved Tyler Brown \$25.00 per hour for leaf pick up and as needed.
- Will look into a machine that can remove the gravel from the grass without damaging the yard. Tyler Brown has a backpack that might work to remove the gravel.

Events Committee

- One meeting last month
- 250 Celebration brochure draft-Cindy Gaubatz will put the final touches.
- History Museum will bring a Freedom Truck to set up at the Carpenter Hall, if available. Certain criteria is needed.
- Softball team between Bailey Lakes vs. Savannah to be held on July 25th time to be determined. No age limit however need nine people to participate, is open to the residents in Bailey Lakes.
- Next meeting is April 25th for the 250 celebration with Savannah Village and Clear Creek Township.

Mayor

- None

Council

Tom Dilgard

- Stamps are \$16.00 for 100 stamps; request every year to see if available.
- How many requests of the audio recording of the meetings. Leighanna Cawrse response zero, excluding Cindy Gaubatz.

Tina Killion

- Tina Killion made a motion to receive a monthly report from the village administrator for the first meeting of the month for the previous month. Dottie Scott seconded. Roll call: 4 ayes; Betty Brown abstain, Dottie Scott no. Motion passed.

Krissy Kauf

- Holiday lights on the gutters should be taken down. Krissy Kauf and Dottie Scott will schedule a date/time to remove.
- Who is planning attending the virtual Dam Safety on March 31st? Leighanna Cawrse will attend.

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- Cyber security template sent to Leighanna Cawrse and this needs to be implemented by July 1, 2026.
- Ohio Attorney General updated the Yellow Book (sunshine law) and a reminder that officials should not be using messages that have disappearing messages such as Snapchat and Whats App.

Since there was no further business Krissy Kauf moved to adjourn regular meeting. Dottie Scott seconded. Roll call: All ayes; No one opposed. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM

Council President, Tina Killion

Fiscal Officer- Leighanna Cawrse